M Row,—I beg to move that the Bill, as amended by the Council be read ag future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconde by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, the Bill is now before the Council for final reading. But, before moving that it be read again and passed, I have, on behalf of Government, to propose an amendment to Section 1 of the Bill. The date on which the Regulation is to come into force has to be fixed, and I beg to propose that this law may take effect from the 1st Chingom 1086, so that the public may have ample notice of the provisions of the new Regulation.

Sconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row then moved that the Bill be read again in Council and passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE FOREST REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, on behalf of Government, I beg to propose the following amendment to Section 6, clause (d) :—

Insert the words 'not less than three and,' between the words 'period' and 'not', in line 1.

The Section fixes a period within which every claimant to any land comprised within the limits of a proposed Reserved Forest, may present his claim. The Section, as it stands, provides only a maximum period. I think that it would be well to provide a minimum period also, so that the rights of the public may be sufficiently safeguarded.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramania Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE LAND ACQUISITION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Land Acquisition Regulation Amendment Bill be read again in Council and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE HIGH COURT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, before the Council adjourns today, I beg permission to introduce a Bill to amend the High Court Regulation, I of 1067. The amendment I propose, is to Section 13 of the Regulation, which requires that civil appeals of Rs. 2,500 and upwards shall be heard and determined by a Full Bench of three Judges. The powers of a Division Bench of the High Court in the matter of civil appeals were fixed at a time when the jurisdiction of the Munsiffs extended only up to Rs. 500 Now that the Munsiffs are given jurisdiction up to Rs. 2, 0 and the limit of appeals disposable by the District Courts extends up to Rs. 1,000, the High Court are of opinion that the limit of Rs. 2,500 in Section 13 of the High Court Regulation may be raised to Rs. 5,00'. I may add that the powers of a Division Bench under the old Sadr Court Regulation, I. of 1057, extended up to Rs. 5,000.

In view of the fact that the new Civil Courts Regulation has been in force from the beginning of the current year, I think that it is desirable that the proposed amendment to the High Court Regulation should be passed at an early date. I

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therefore beg to move, under Section 66 of the Legislative Coun[illegible] that the operation of the said Rules be suspended, so that the Amend[illegible] may go through all the stages—except final reading—at this meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to propose that the following be substituted for Section 13 of the High Court Regulation:—

"13. A full Bench of three Judges shall hear and determine all appeals from the decrees of the District Courts in suits in which the amount or value of the subject matter is not less than Rs. 5,000 and the amount or the value of the matter in appeal is not less than that sum. The judgment and decree of the Full Bench, or the judgment and decree of the majority, if there be difference of opinion, together with the records of the case, shall be submitted to Us through the Dewan, in order that the judgment and decree may be confirmed by Our Sign Manual.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this Section,

1. the value of a suit or appeal shall be determined with reference to the provisions of the Suits Valuation Regulation for the time being in force;

2. all the appeals preferred against one and the same decree shall be treated as one appeal;

3. objections filed by the Respondents under Section 532 of the Civil Procedure Code shall be treated as an appeal;

4. the date of the decree in the above case is the date on which the decree is declared in open Court after being confirmed by Our Sign Manual;

5. an order of remand under Sections 533 and 537 of the Civil Procedure Code, and orders of dismissal for default, and orders coming under the word 'abatement', shall not be treated as 'judgment and decree' for the purposes of this Section."

It will be observed that two additional clauses are also proposed to be added in the Explanatory Note to the Section. These clauses are meant to give statutory recognition to the existing practice. I commend the above amendments for the acceptance of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Kuruvila.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Sri Narayanan Tampi.

Carried.

The Council adjourned at 1-15 P. M.

P. RAJAGOPALA CHARI,

President.

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